(b) Efforts are being made to augment the availability of depleting domestic supply of natural gas. Import of natural gas in the form of Liquefied Natural Gas and supply of natural gas through transnational pipelines are some of the options.

(c) and (d) Presently, there are no LNG Based Power Stations in operation. However, some of the Gas Based Power Stations are being supplied Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) to mitigate the shortage of natural gas. Generation based on alternate fuels like Naphtha, High Speed Diesel (HSD) are dependent upon the requirement/acceptance by the beneficiaries on account of high cost resulting in high tariff rate.

Financial assistance by PFC to Southern States

1608. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation has planned to extend financial assistance of about Rs. 2000/-crore to the Southern States this year for various development schemes in the power sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly relating to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the year 2004-05 Power Finance Corporation has set a target of sanction of loan over Rs. 2000 crores for various development schemes in power sector as per details given below:-

Name of State	Scheme	Sanction target of loan	Disbursement April-October, 2005
Tamil Nadu	Generation	330	248
	Transmission	93	-
	Distribution	-	
Andhra Pradesh	Generation	577	491
	Transmission	145	111
	Distribution	140	12
Karnataka	Generation	240	41
	Transmission	285	55
	Distribution	140	8
Kerala	Generation	80	-
	TOTAL:	2030	966

Final sanction and related disbursement depends upon the detailed appraisal of loan requests received from concerned States.

Power generation plants stuck due to fuel scarcity

1609. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different plants for generation of about 7000 MW power are stuck due to fuel scarcity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has been asked to switch over to thermal power generation; and

(d) which are the proposed site for thermal power generation and how much time it will take?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No power station in the country has closed down due to shortage of fuel. In October, 2005, no generation loss has been reported by any coal based power station due to coal shortage. Gas based power stations of about 3920 MW capacity in the country have, however, reported decreased generation due to shortage of gas during the same period as per details given in Statement I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Due to uncertain availability of natural gas for power generation, Ministry of Power has requested CEA to identify projects mostly based on coal. Accordingly, CEA has identified new coal based thermal power projects totaling to 40,000 MW for commissioning in 11th Plan subject to tie up of various inputs/clearances. A list of such projects giving the likely year of benefit is enclosed at Statement-II.